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RE: docket # 98P-0151/CP1  
meat from downed animals

Dear Dr. Friedman;

Please support the petition which is listed above. It will require the FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to classify meat as adulterated, if the meat comes from animals who are too sick or injured to walk to the location where they are killed.

You should outlaw meat from downed animals (such as cattle) for 2 reasons. First, the meat from just one diseased cow can contaminate meat from up to 16 tons of mass-processed meat.

Second, outlawing meat from downed animals will prevent a lot of animal suffering. Currently, meat processors drag live animals who are sick or injured through their ranch or meat packing facility by chaining them to the back of a truck, and dragging them behind the truck. Or they let the downed animals lie in pain for hours without veterinary care, instead of euthanizing them immediately. If you prohibit cattle handlers from selling the meat of downed animals, they will have more incentive to humanely euthanize the downed animals immediately.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



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